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In re Application of:

Patrick J. CRILLY, et al.

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Material During a Weld Process

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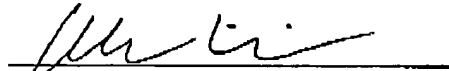
An Office action was issued on August 27, 2004 ("the Office action"). In response thereto, and in accordance with the practice outlined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.112, Applicants submit the accompanying amendments and remarks and respectfully request that the application be reconsidered.

The Office action set a shortened statutory three month period for reply expiring on November 27, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) extension of the period for reply, from November 27, 2004, to February 28, 2005 (February 27, 2005 fell on a Sunday). The fee for this petition may be withdrawn from the undersigned's deposit account no. 03-1129.

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